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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY WEDNESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED CYPRUS
GREECE; THURSDAY PAPERS FEATURE DOMESTIC NEWS; WASHPOST
FRONTPAGES SOVIETS TEST SPYCRAFT. SOME COMMENT. INSIDE
TUESDAY NYTIMES HAD BRUSSELS UPI, NATO URGES PARLEY ON
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FUTURE OF CYPRUS.

1A. WEDNESDAY PAPERS HAD CONFEREES CUT WEAPONS BUDGET; LIMIT TESTS; NYTIMES MIDDLETON LONDON SAID PRIMARY PROBLEM FACING NATO IS ASSURED SUPPLY BY SEA OF OIL AND OTHER MINERALS IN EVENT OF WAR; BALTSUN HAD MOSCOW, PRAVDA TIES DETENTE TO FURTHER LIMITS ON NUCLEAR ARMS.

1B. THURSDAY NYTIMES REPORTS BONN FONMIN IN US FOR TALKS IN WASHINGTON SAN CLEMEVTE GRAND FORKS; ALSO BONN, THREE ALLIES WARN SOVIET ON BERLIN ACCESS; PLUS BRUSSELSLUNS ASSERTS CRISIS EXPOSED NATO FLANK.

2. DEFENSE BUDGET. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN AP REPORTED SENATE HOUSE CONFEREES AGREED TUESDAY ON A 22.1 BILLION WEAPONS

PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL, ABOUT 1 BILLION SHORT OF ADMINISTRATION REQUEST. COMPROMISE BILL PROVIDES REDUCTION OF 2,800 PERSONS IN THE AIR FORCE AND HOUSE AGREED TO SENATOR NUNN'S AMENDMENT CALLING FOR A REDUCTION OF 18,000 US SUPPORT TROOPS IN EUROPE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS AND AUTHORIZING A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN COMBAT ASSIGNMENTS.

2A. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST LOCAL SAID THAT BUDGET BILL BANS TESTS OF MINUTEMAN MISSILES OVER NORTHWESTERN US, AND ALLOWS MILITARY SERVICES TO GAS AND POISON DOGS IN MILITARY RESEARCH PROJECTS IF THE AIM IS TO PRESERVE HUMAN LIFE.

2B. WEDNESDAY WASHSTAR AP REPORTED CUT OF 16 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT OF A SMALLER BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE TO SUPPLEMENT THE NEW TRIDENT SUBMARINE SYSTEM.

3. SOVIETS. THURSDAY WASHPOST GETLER SAYS RUSSIA'S LATEST MANNED SPACE FLIGHT HAS PROMPTED CONCERN AMONG US SPECIALISTS BECAUSE OF SIGNS THE SOVIETS MAY BE DEVELOPING A MANNED SPACECRAFT FOR MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE, ALTHOUGH IT HAD EARLIER BEEN ASSUMED FLIGHT OF SOYUZ 14 WAS TEST RUN FOR NEXT YEAR'S JOINT US-SOVIET MISSION. THIS TIME COSMONAUTS USED SPECIAL COMMUNICATION CHANNEL UNCLASSIFIED

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AND TALKED IN CODE; THIS WAS A JOLT TO US GROUND STATIONS WHICH ROUTINELY MONITOR SOVIET FLIGHTS AS RUSSIANS DO FLIGHTS BY US ASTRONAUTS. GETLER SAYS SOME SPECIALISTS THINK THE SOVIETS MAY NOW BE PLANNING TO USE MEN ABOARD MILITARY SPACECRAFT TO SORT OUT AND EVALUATE RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION QUICKLY.

3A. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW REPORTED PRAVDA WARNED

THAT SOVIET AMERICAN DETENTE DEPENDS ON FURTHER LIMITS ON NUCLEAR ARMS, ARTICLE HOLDING THAT TO MAKE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS GENUINELY IRREVERSIBLE, WE NEED NEW STEPS TO CURB THE ARMS RACE AND ULTIMATELY TO END IT. ACCORDING PARKS, WARNING WAS DIRECTED AS MUCH TO SOVIET FACTIONS AS TO SENATOR JACKSON, ARTICLE SAYING WAY TOWARD PEACE LIES

NOT THROUGH ERRONEOUS PRACTICE OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE IN SEARCHING FOR A BARGAINING TRUMP CARD IN THE FORM OF MULTIPLE WARHEADS OR RETARGETING OF INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES, BUT THROUGH CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS FOR THE RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS; PARKS ADDING ARTICLE LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON NEED FOR A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT LIMIT-

ING INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES AND THEIR NUCLEAR WARHEADS BOTH IN QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE TERMS.

4. COMMENT. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST HAD CLAYTON FRITCHEY COLUMN ON A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, NOTING IRAN HAS PROPOSED UNGA DISCUSS A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN MIDEAST AND FRITCHEY SAYING WHY ONLY MIDEAST, WHY NOT WORLD CONFERENCE SO LONG TALKED ABOUT. FRITCHEY NOTES MULTILATERAL EFFORTS OF ENDC AND CCD, ADDING ONE REASON LITTLE HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IS ABSENCE OF SUCH NUCLEAR NATIONS AS FRANCE AND CHINA AND SUCH KEY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS WEST AND EAST GERMANY. FRITCHEY SAYS IT'S PROBABLE THAT MOST OF THESE POWERS WOULD NOW PARTICIPATE AND QUOTES MRS. MYRDAL SAYING WORLD CONFERENCE IS NOT ONLY A PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY BUT MIGHT COME AROUND IN 1974, FRITCHEY ADDING THAT IN HER INTERVIEW WITH RICHARD HUDSON OF WORLD-PEACE REPORT MRS. MYRDAL SAID: WE NEED SOME KIND OF BREAKTHROUGH; WE CAN'T JUST CONTINUE WITH CCD IN WHICH NOBODY REALLY BELIEVES ON ONE HAND, AND HAVE BILATERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SALT NEGOTIATIONS ON OTHER AS RESULT OF WHICH THE TWO SUPERPOWERS ARE NOT ONLY PILING UP MORE ARMS BUT ALSO IMPROVING THEIR WEAPONS. WORLD CONFERENCE SHOULD FIRST CONSIDER THE PLEDGES CALLED FOR BY CHINESE ON NON-FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NEVER USING THEM AGAINST NUCLEAR-FREE COUNTRIES, SAID MRS. MYRDAL, OR FAILING THAT THERE COULD BE REVIVAL OF UNILATERAL APPROACH OF GRIT, GRADUATED RECIPROCATION IN TENSION-REDUCTION WHICH IS URGED BY ROBERT JOHANSEN, AUTHOR OF THE POLITICS OF ARMS CONTROL. FRITCHEY NOTES THAT KHRUSHCHEV IN HIS MEMOIRS SUGGESTS IF SOVIET-AMERICAN ARMS REDUCTION PROVES IMPOSSIBLE, RUSSIA SHOULD GO AHEAD UNILATERALLY.

4A. JULY 17 KANSAS CITY TIMES TERMS THE PACT SIGNED

BY NIXON AND BREZHNEV IN MOSCOW WHICH WILL PROHIBIT
UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS WITH AN EXPLOSIVE FORCE OF MORE
THAN 150 KILOTONS THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD SINCE
1963. NEW AGREEMENT IS CURRENTLY UNDER ATTACK WITH
SENATOR GOLDWATER WARNING IT COULD CRIPPLE US MILITARY
CAPABILITIES, AND ADVOCATES OF A TOTAL BAN ON TESTING
SAYING THAT THE LIMITED PROHIBITION CUTS THE GROUND FROM
UNDER THEM. PAPER SAYS UNIVERSAL ARMS CONTROL CAN ONLY
COME ABOUT ONE STEP AT A TIME AND NEW PACT IS MOST HOPEFUL
ACTION OF ITS KIND IN OVER A DECADE. KISSINGER

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